



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5289**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TAX COLLECTOR CERTIFICATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-130a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 (a) There shall be established [within the Office of Policy and  
4 Management] a committee for the purpose of developing and  
5 maintaining a program and procedures for the training, examination  
6 and certification of tax collection personnel, appointed by the Secretary  
7 of the Office of Policy and Management and consisting of seven  
8 members, six of whom shall be voting members who shall serve  
9 without pay and shall be appointed initially as follows: Two members  
10 for two-year terms; two members for four-year terms; and two  
11 members for six-year terms. At least one member shall be from a  
12 municipality with a population of more than fifty thousand, and at  
13 least one member shall be from a municipality with a population  
14 under ten thousand. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
15 Management shall thereafter appoint two members every two years  
16 for six-year terms. The seventh member shall be an employee of the  
17 Office of Policy and Management [, who shall be knowledgeable  
18 regarding Connecticut property tax collection practices and] who shall  
19 serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. The six voting  
20 members of the committee shall have demonstrated competence in tax  
21 collection practices in Connecticut. Said committee shall elect its own

22 chairman and [adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,]  
 23 recommend standards to said secretary for the training, fees and  
 24 examination of tax collection personnel, including standards for the  
 25 certification and recertification of tax collectors. Such [regulations]  
 26 recommended standards may include requirements for any type of  
 27 training or experience, or combination thereof, the committee deems  
 28 appropriate. The secretary shall review the recommended standards  
 29 and shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,  
 30 implementing any of such standards the secretary approves.

31 (b) Any person may participate in training courses on tax collection  
 32 practices prescribed by said committee and upon completing such  
 33 training courses and successfully completing any examination  
 34 prescribed by said committee, shall be recommended to the Secretary  
 35 of the Office of Policy and Management as a candidate for certification  
 36 as a certified Connecticut municipal collector. The Secretary of the  
 37 Office of Policy and Management shall certify any qualified candidate  
 38 recommended by said committee as a certified Connecticut municipal  
 39 collector and may [rescind] revoke, suspend or deny such certification  
 40 or recertification for sufficient cause as said secretary may determine.  
 41 Said secretary may certify a candidate who has not completed such  
 42 training courses provided such candidate has experience in tax  
 43 collection practices in Connecticut to such extent, as determined by  
 44 said secretary, to make it unnecessary to complete such training  
 45 courses, and provided further such candidate shall be required to  
 46 successfully complete any examination prescribed by said committee.  
 47 Such certification shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance  
 48 or until regulations are adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
 49 section, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2006	12-130a
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

At the end of Subsec. (b) "whichever is later" was added for clarity.

***PD***      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*